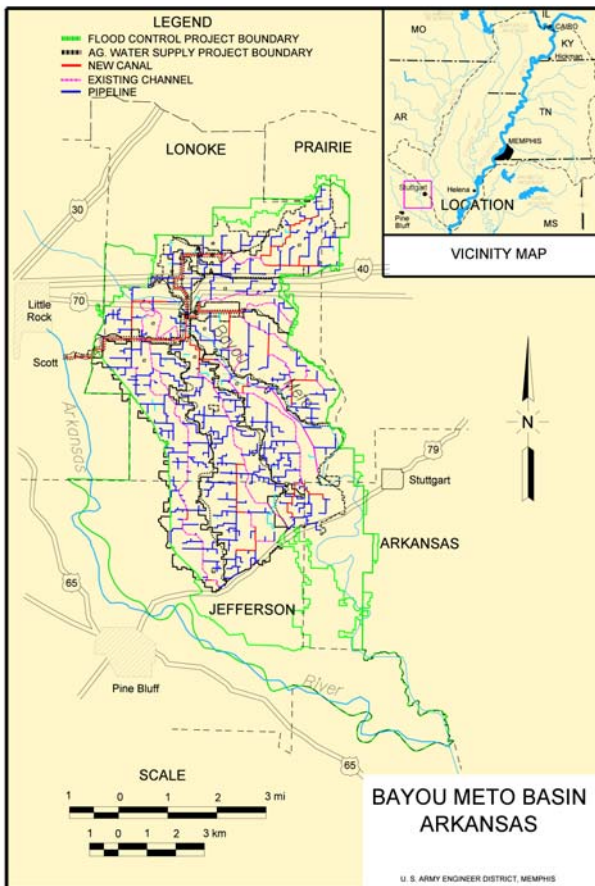


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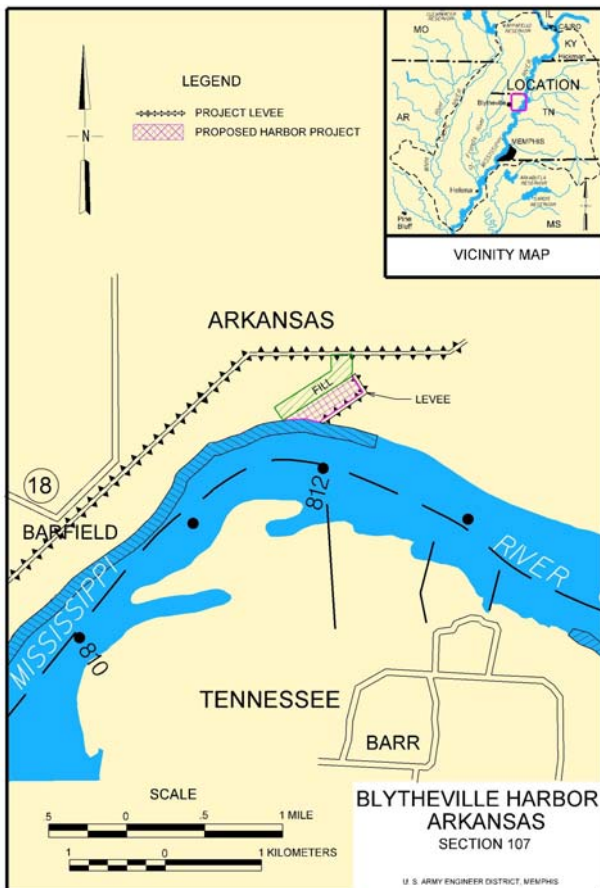
Project Name: Bayou Meto Basin, AR; MR&T, General Investigations/Construction

Authority: Conditionally authorized by Section 363 of WRDA 1996, subject to a determination of feasibility by the Secretary of the Army.

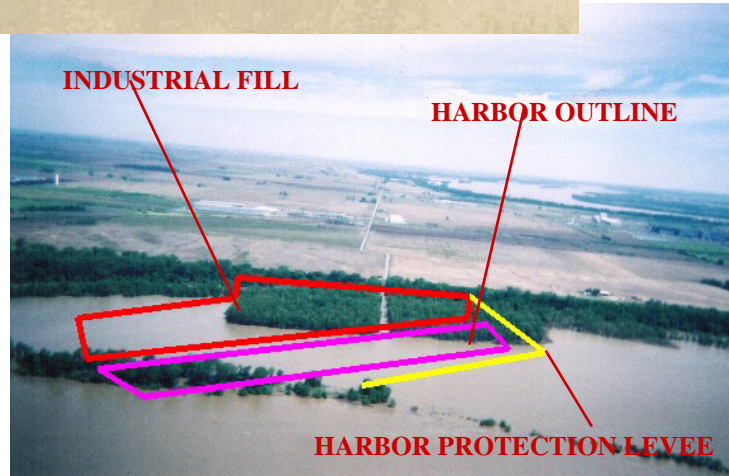
Location and Description: The project is located in east central Arkansas in Lonoke, Pulaski, Prairie, Jefferson, and Arkansas Counties. The major problems are agricultural flooding, loss of environmental resources, and the depletion of the alluvial aquifer, which provides essentially all the water used for agricultural irrigation and baitfish farming and supports area wetlands. The Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) has authority to approve the changes in scope if he determines that the change is technically sound, environmentally acceptable, and economically feasible. Features of the project include diversion of excess water from the Arkansas River with delivery through a system of new canals, existing streams, and pipelines to the water depleted areas; channel improvements and pumping station(s) to provide outlets for reduced flooding; waterfowl conservation and management measures; and other environmental restoration and enhancement features. The sponsor is the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission and the Bayou Meto Water Management District.

Status and Proposed Operations: FY 2006 funds are being used to finalize the general reevaluation report and the environmental impact statement, which are scheduled for completion in July 2006. The State of Arkansas is assuming non-Federal sponsorship of the project and is using its bonding authority to insure that funding for the non-Federal cost share is available when Federal funds become available for construction.

WRDA: Section 3006 of the House version of WRDA contains language stating that the Secretary shall review the general reevaluation report and make a determination of whether the project is feasible, regardless of mission priorities.



Aerial photos of the potential site for Blytheville Harbor.



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Project Name: Blytheville Harbor, AR; Construction General

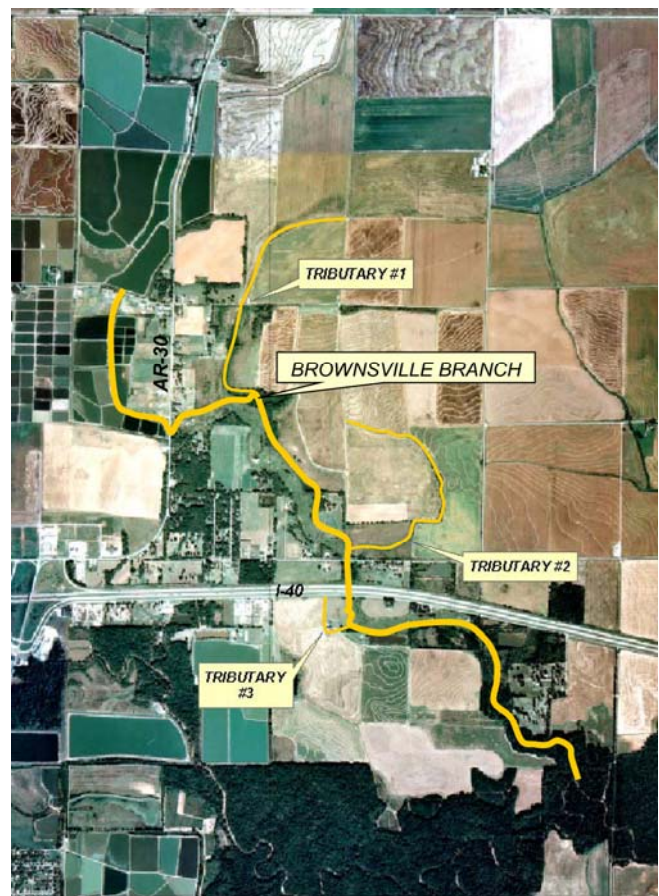
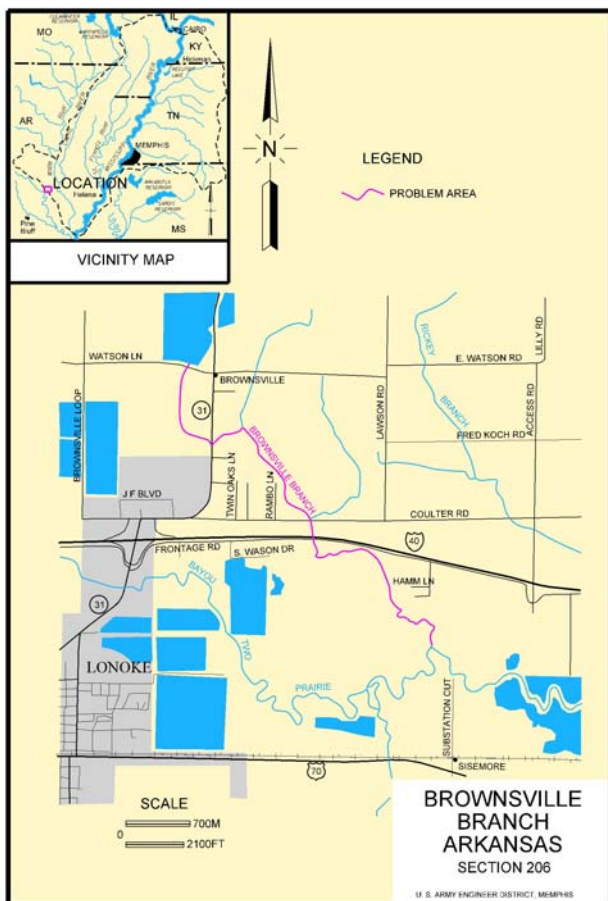
Authority: Section 107 of the River and Harbor Act of 1960.

Location and Description: The proposed project would be located at Mississippi River mile 812.0 between the Nucor-Yamato and Nucor-Hickman steel mills near the city of Blytheville in Mississippi County, Arkansas. Mississippi County and the Blytheville Port Authority requested that the Corps investigate the feasibility of a harbor project in the Barfield/Hickman area in correspondence dated October 24 and November 3, 1997, respectively. The cost of the feasibility study was being cost-shared with the Blytheville Mississippi County Regional Intermodal Facilities Authority, who would also be the sponsor for the construction project.

Status and Proposed Operations: A revised draft feasibility report was completed and on 29 April 2004, the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works [ASA (CW)] concurred with the report. Plans and specifications were completed in December 2005. The sponsor and the Corps have met to discuss the sponsor's project financing plan. At this time, the sponsor does not have a schedule to complete their financing plan. As a result of the moratorium on execution of any new cost-share agreements in FY2006 and the sponsor not having a project-financing plan, the sponsor and the Corps have not executed a PCA.

Issues and Other Information: Construction of this project can be accomplished in one construction season, but will span two fiscal years.

WRDA: Section 1004 of the House version of WRDA, (Small Projects for Navigation) includes language to the effect that the Secretary shall carry out the project for navigation, Blytheville County Harbor if the Secretary determines that the project is feasible.



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Study Name: Brownsville Branch, AR; Construction, General

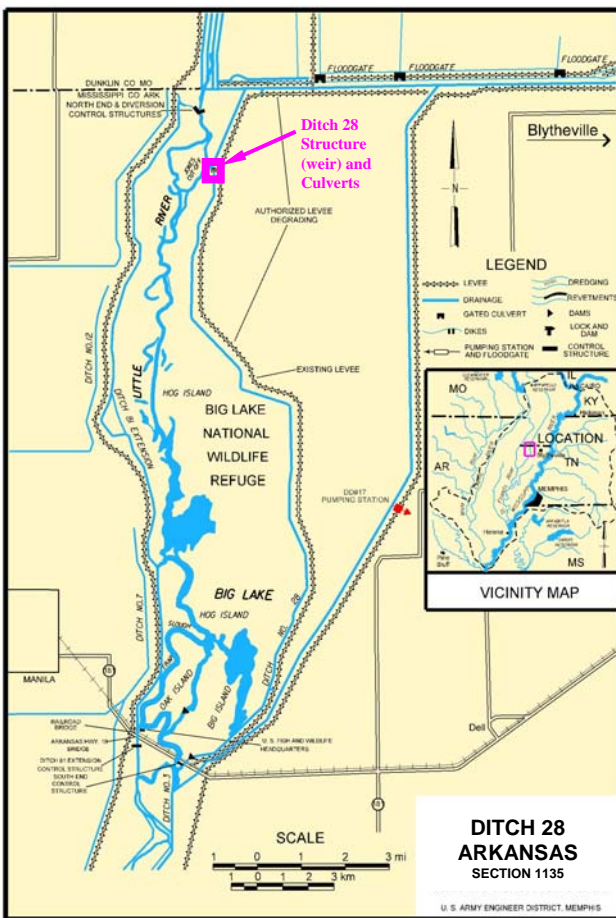
Authority: Section 206 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration

Location and Description: Brownsville Branch is located in Lonoke County, AR, northeast of the city of Lonoke. It is a meandering channel that originates near the city of Brownsville, AR, and flows southeast for approximately 3.8 miles where it empties into Bayou Two Prairie. It has ultimately become a non-functioning stream due primarily to impaired drainage caused by beaver dam construction and sediment deposition. Extensive areas of bottomland hardwoods are dying and there has been some flooding to adjacent homes and farmland. In a letter dated August 9, 2002, the County of Lonoke, AR, requested assistance from the Corps in conducting a Section 206 Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration study to alleviate problems within the area.

Status and Proposed Operations: The Planning, Design and Analysis (PDA) report was completed in FY 2006. The Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) Checklist, Model PCA and Letter of Intent must be forwarded to the Mississippi Valley Division prior to final approval of the PDA report. The project sponsor has reviewed the Model PCA and provided the Letter of Intent indicating their willingness and financial capability to support the project. FY 2007 funds could be used to initiate and complete construction of the project.

Issues and Other Information: Due funding constraints in the CAP program, the priority for funding is to complete on-going work before initiating any new phases or executing new cost-sharing agreements, as directed in the Conference Report accompanying the E&WD Appropriations Act for FY 2006. It is unlikely funding to execute a project cooperation agreement in FY 2007 will be available unless named in an E&WD appropriations act or its accompanying statement of managers. Also, award of a construction contract will require funds be available to fully fund the contract at award, due to the Congressional direction to discontinue use of the continuing contract clause.

The State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) records show one archeological site (unnamed wooden bridge) and one historic site (The St. Charles Battlefield) located in the project area. SHPO recommends a cultural resources survey be conducted to determine the current status of site and how impact to them might be avoided.



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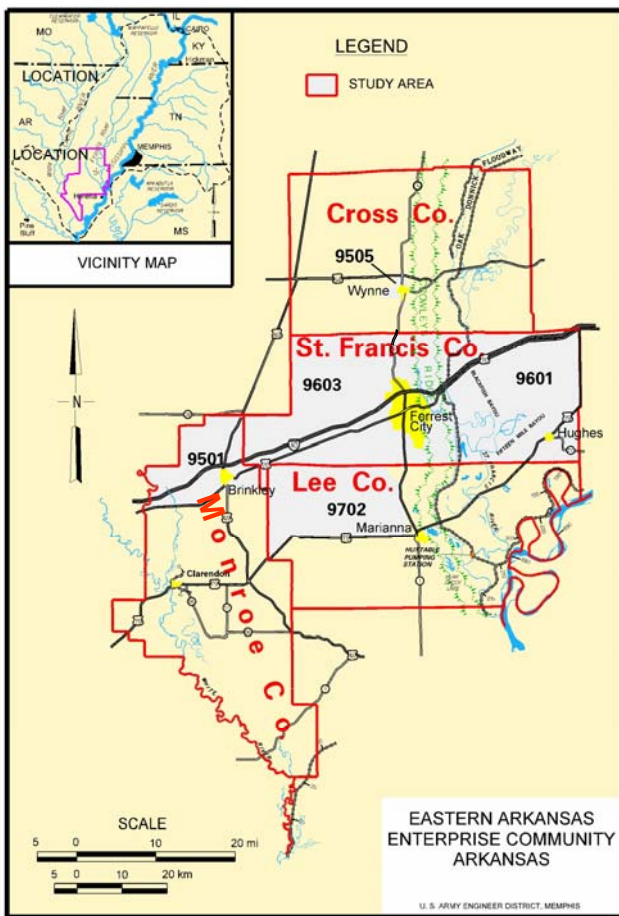
Study Name: Ditch 28, AR; Construction, General

Authority: Section 1135(b) of WRDA 1986.

Location and Description: The St. Francis Basin is located in southeast Missouri and northeast Arkansas. The project area is located at the northwest corner of the Big Lake Wildlife Management Area (BLWMA) operated by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AG&FC) in Mississippi County, Arkansas. The site is approximately 15 miles west of the city of Blytheville, Arkansas. The proposed replacement / modification would be located upstream of the existing structure and would consist of a stoplog structure in Ditch 28 downstream of AG&FC's water intake culverts into the state management area. This structure would replace the function of the old existing fixed weir known as the North Dam. The proposed stoplog structure would provide greater water management capability. In addition, the water intake/culverts upstream of North Dam would be replaced with larger diameter culverts having invert elevations compatible with the operation of the new structure. The point of contact for the AG&FC is Mr. Robert Zachary.

Status of Proposed Operations: FY 2006 funds will be used to complete the feasibility study and initiate the plans and specification phase.

Issues and Other Information: There continues to be more work than funding can support in the Continuing Authorities Program.



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Project Name: East Arkansas Enterprise Community, Arkansas; Construction, General

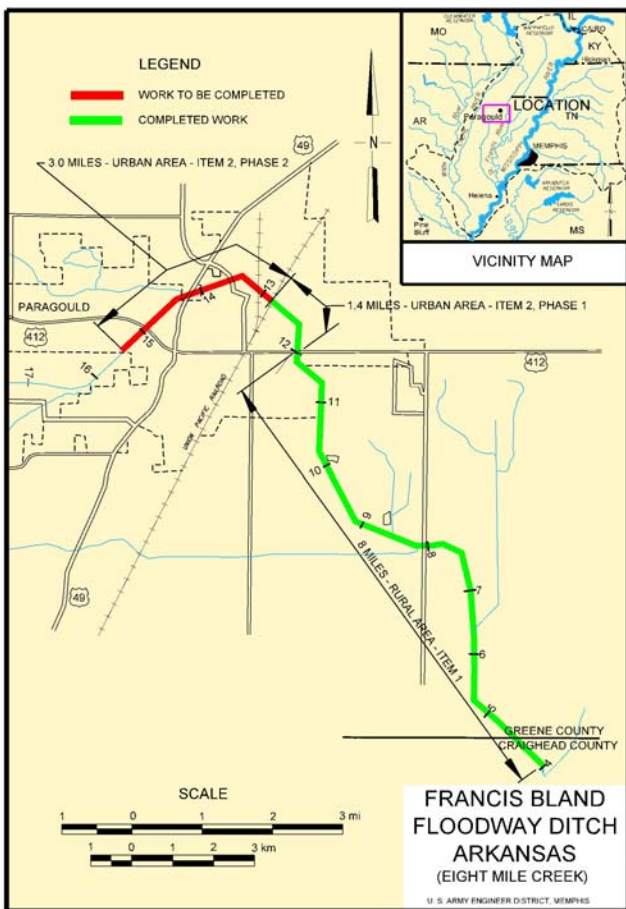
Authority: Section 108 of PL 106-554, Omnibus Bill of FY 2001

Location and Description: The Eastern Arkansas Enterprise Community (EAEC) project area is located in Cross, Lee, Monroe and St. Francis counties in east Arkansas. The project consists of the following features for environmental infrastructure improvements: flood control and drainage; sanitary sewer and water; environmental and streets and roads. The area has been designated an Enterprise Community by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA). The EAEC is the local sponsor for the project. Dr. Robert Cole is the Director and Coordinator for the EAEC.

Status and Proposed Operations: A Planning Assistance to States (PAS) Report was completed in December 2003.

Issues and Other Information: Authorization for this project is limited to technical and planning and design assistance. Locals are seeking authorization that would allow assistance for construction, also. The EAEC plans to use USDA funds, provided via Arkansas state agencies, along with other local funding sources for the local cost share, if authorization is provided for construction assistance. The EAEC also plans to seek assistance through the Delta Regional Authority.

WRDA: Section 5006 (Additional assistance for authorized projects) of the House version of WRDA contains language that adds construction assistance for this project. It also allows Federal funds made available under the rural enterprise zone program of the Department of Agriculture to be used toward payment of the non-Federal share of the costs of the project, *if such funds are authorized to be used for such purposes.*



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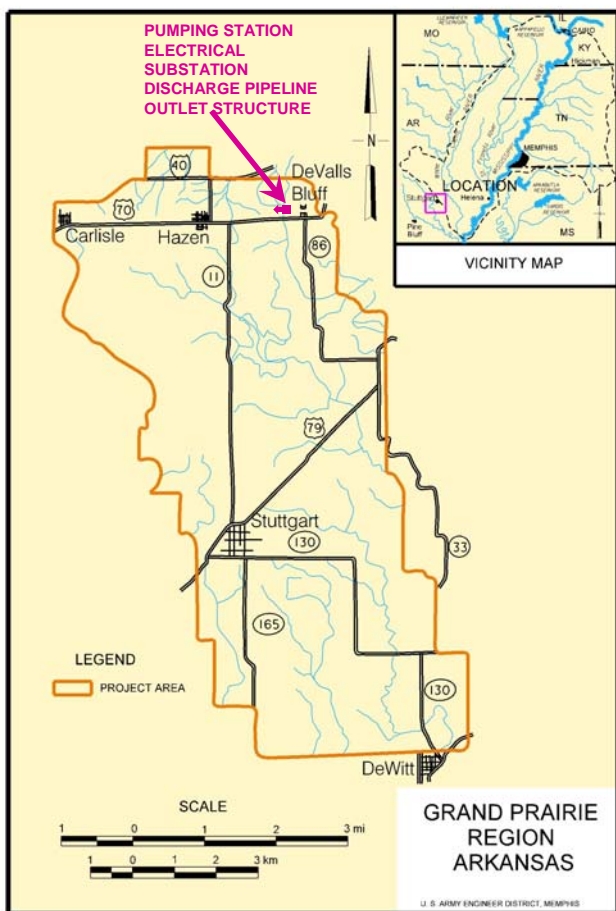
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Project Name: Francis Bland Floodway Ditch (Eight Mile Creek), AR; MR&T Construction

Authority: 1985 Supplemental Appropriations Act (PL 99-88) and WRDA of 1986 (PL 99-662) – Sec. 103

Location and Description: This flood damage prevention project is located in Greene and Craighead Counties, AR. While the Arkansas Natural Resource Commission (ANRC), (formerly Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission) is the official sponsor, the city is providing required rights-of-way and relocations via a third party agreement with ANRC. The project consists of 12.4 miles of channel improvement (4.4 miles urban and 8.0 miles rural). The project will provide 100-year protection in the urban area. The remaining benefit to cost ratio at 7 percent is 6.9 to 1 with average annual.

Status and Proposed Operations: The project is approximately 80 percent complete. FY 2006 funds are being used to continue construction of the final phase of construction, Item 2, Phase 2, Urban Channel Enlargement.



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Project Name: Grand Prairie Region, AR; MR&T, Construction

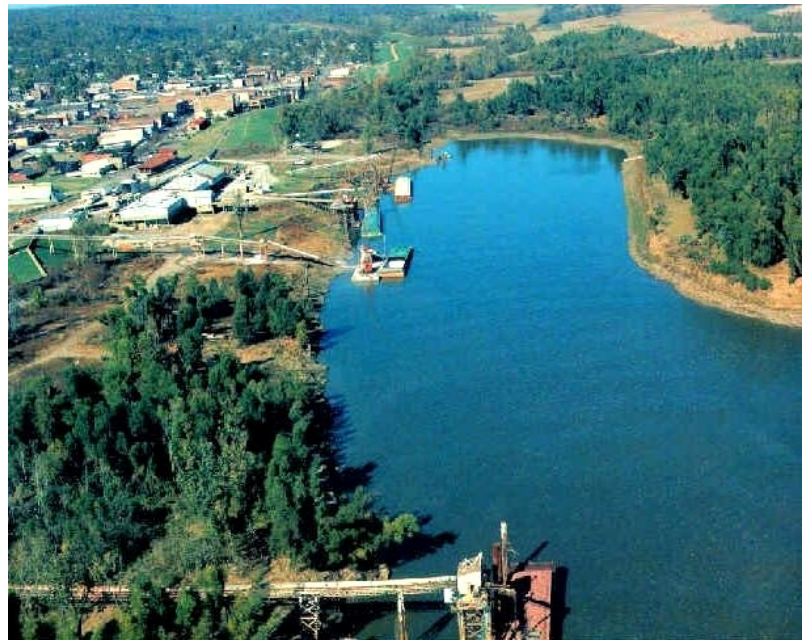
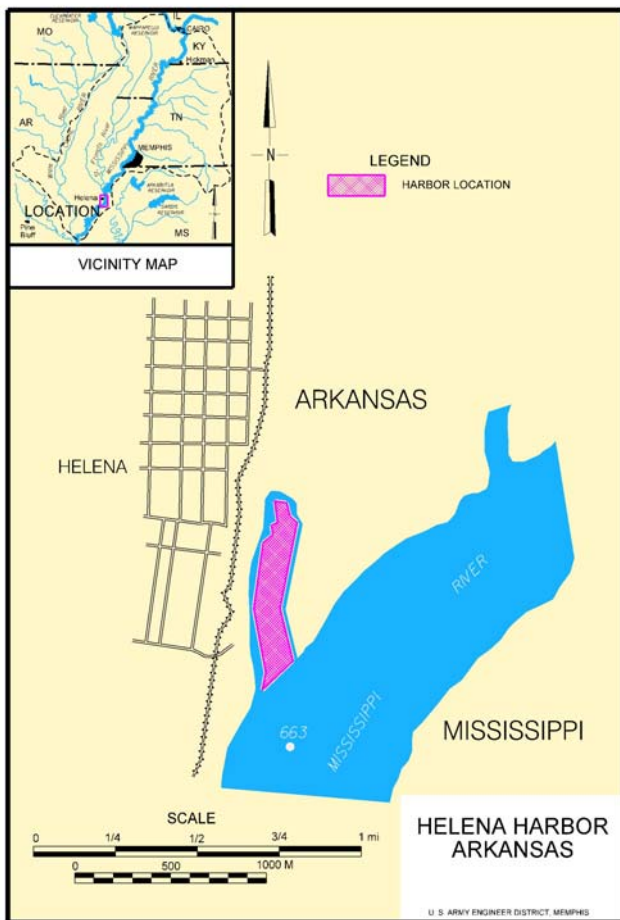
Authority: Section 204, FCA of 1950 (construction authorized); Section 1001(b) of WRDA 1986 (deauthorized); Section 363 of WRDA 1996 (authorized for construction, expanding the scope to include ground water protection and conservation, agricultural water supply, and waterfowl management, if the Secretary determines the project is technically sound, as well as, environmentally acceptable and economic).

Location and Description: The Grand Prairie portion of the Grand Prairie Region and Bayou Meto Basin, Arkansas, Project is primarily located in Arkansas and Prairie Counties and a small portion in Lonoke and Monroe Counties. This project will provide for agricultural water supply, ground water protection, and fish and wildlife restoration and enhancement. The project includes a major pumping station, conveyance channels, and conservation measures for the Grand Prairie area. The sponsors are the State of Arkansas and the White River Regional Irrigation Water Distribution District.

Status and Proposed Operations: FY 2006 funds are being used to continue construction of the pumping station. The contractor commenced work in April 2005. Site preparation and foundation have been initiated. The estimated completion date for this contract is Sep 2007.:

Issues and Other Information: The Alluvial Aquifer is predicted to be depleted by the year 2015. The Sparta Aquifer, used primarily for municipal and industrial water supply, cannot sustain irrigated agriculture. Without the project, an annual decrease of \$46,000,000 in farm receipts is expected. Along with protecting the Sparta & Alluvial aquifers, the project will also provide an added environmental benefit of 12 million duck use days for the project area. The sponsors are fully capable and have met all requirements for project sponsorship. Both have executed the PCA, and to date have met all of the sponsor requirements including providing matching funds. Individual farmers have also provided collectively towards their share of the cost of on-farm improvements.

In Feb 2004, National Wildlife Federation, local groups, and several individuals filed suit against the Corps and the project sponsors. The judge ruled in favor of the Corps on 9 Sep 04, which was further upheld on appeal with the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals on 20 Dec 05. The National Wildlife Federation and Arkansas Wildlife Federation later filed suit in federal district court on 8 Sep 05 against the Corps and Fish & Wildlife Service on violations of the Endangered Species Act concerning the Ivory-billed Woodpecker and resolution is pending.



Aerial photo of Helena Harbor

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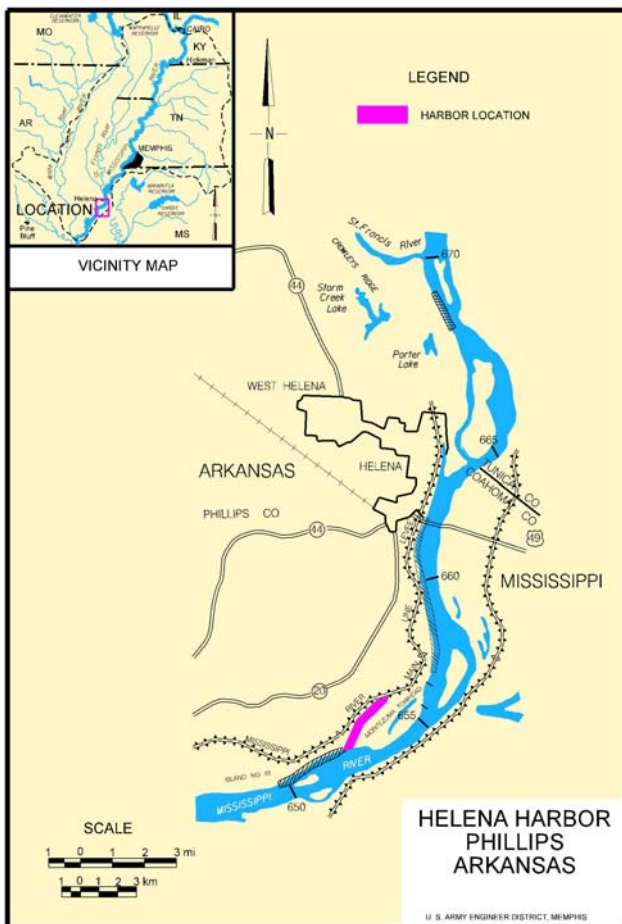
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Project Name: Helena Harbor, AR; Operation & Maintenance, General

Authority: Section 107 of the River and Harbor Act of 1960 as amended.

Location and Description: This harbor is located on the Mississippi River (mile 663.0) at Helena in Phillips County, Arkansas. The project provides for maintenance of the navigation channel for year-round access to barge transportation for the existing facilities. The approved channel dimensions are 9 feet deep by 450 feet wide by 3,200 feet long. The local sponsor is City of Helena, AR, Mr. Jim Frazier, City Engineer.

Status & Proposed Operations: The harbor was last dredged in October 2005. The harbor will be dredged again in September 2006.



Aerial photo of Helena Harbor , Phillips County.

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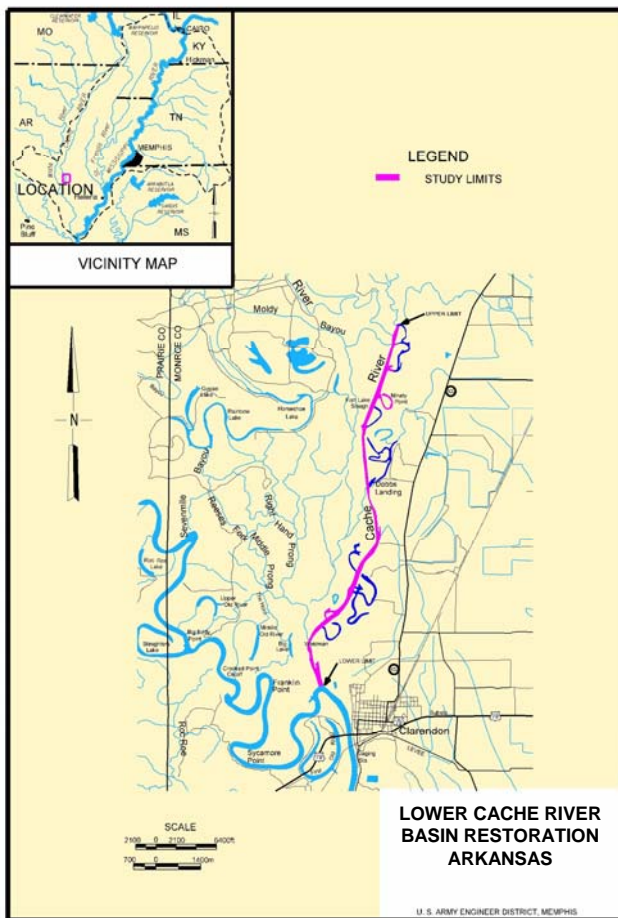
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Project Name: Helena Harbor, Phillips County, AR; MR&T Maintenance

Authority: Water Resources Development Act of 1986.

Location and Description: The harbor is located in Phillips County, about five miles south of Helena, Arkansas, at mile 652 on the lower Mississippi River. The approved channel dimensions are 9 feet deep by 300 feet wide by 3.85 miles long, with an additional 50 feet of width for berthing, a 100 feet by 1000 feet fleeting area, and a 600 feet by 600 feet turning basin. The local sponsor is the Helena, West Helena, Phillips County Port Authority, Mr. Martin Chaffin, Executive Director.

Status and Proposed Operations: Dredging of this harbor is scheduled to occur in September 2006.



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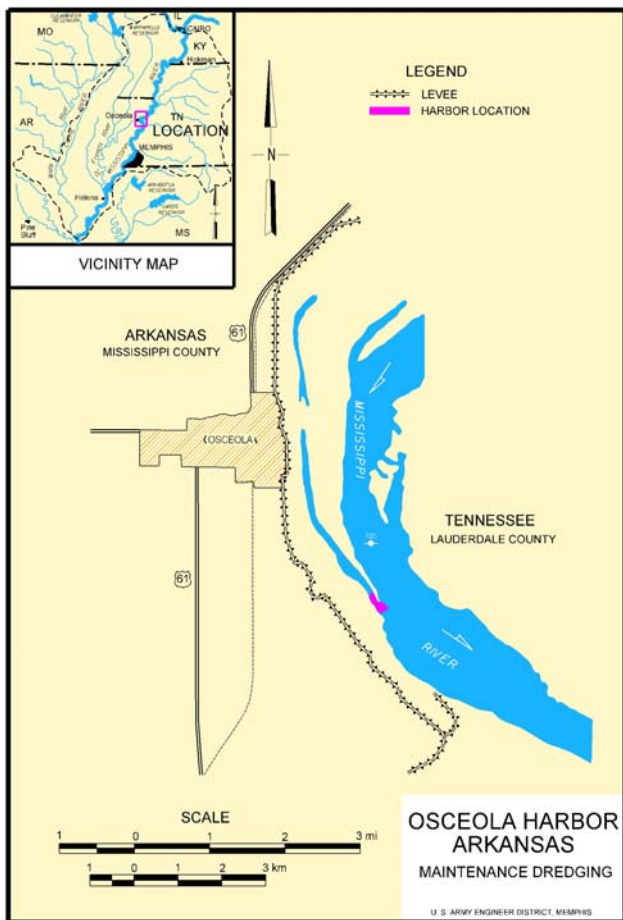
Project Name: Lower Cache River Basin Restoration, AR, Construction, General

Authority: Section 1135 of WRDA 1986, as amended

Location and Description: The project is located in Monroe County, Arkansas. Restoring flows to at least six meanders cut off by flood control work constructed during the 1970's would increase fish and wildlife habitat within the area designated by the Ramsar Convention as "Wetlands of International Importance". In a letter dated 11 February 2004, Ducks Unlimited and Arkansas Game and Fish Commission requested that the Corps conduct a study for an environmental restoration project on the lower Cache River. The Section 1135 program, which provides for project modifications for improvement of the environment, is appropriate for this investigation of meander restoration on this stretch of the river that was channelized in the early 1970's.

Status and Proposed Operations: None. Feasibility studies could be initiated in FY 2007, if funds are made available.

Issues and Other Information: The Preliminary Restoration Plan report was reviewed by MVD, and approval was given on 24 January 2006, subject to incorporation of comments. Due funding constraints in the CAP program, the priority for funding is to complete on-going work before initiating any new phases or executing new cost-sharing agreements, as directed in the Conference Report accompanying the E&WD Appropriations Act for FY 2006. It is unlikely funding to execute a project cooperation agreement in FY 2007 will be available unless named in an E&WD appropriations act or its accompanying statement of managers.



Dredging of the Osceola Harbor, AR

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Project Name: Osceola Harbor, AR; Operation & Maintenance, General

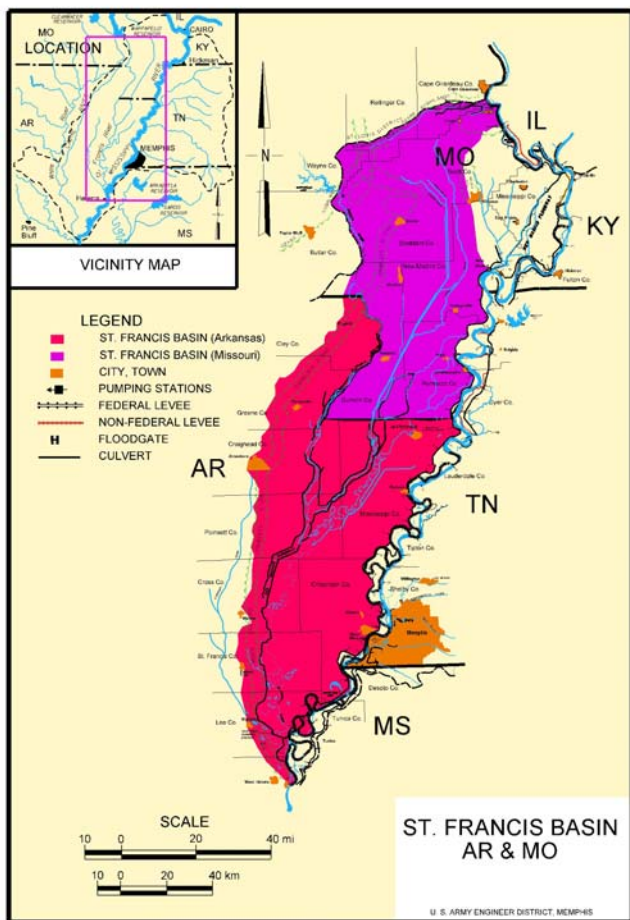
Authority: Section 107 of the River and Harbor Act of 1960 as amended.

Location and Description: This harbor is located on the Mississippi River (mile 785.0) at Osceola, in Mississippi County, Arkansas. The project provides for maintenance of a navigation channel for year-round access for barge transportation. The approved channel dimensions are 9 feet deep by 250 feet wide by 6,500 feet long, with a 250-foot radius turning basin at the upstream end. The local interest is the City of Osceola, AR, Mayor Dickie Kennemore.

Status & Proposed Operations: This harbor was dredged in September 2005 and is scheduled to be dredged again in August 2006.

Issues and Other Information: Funding requirements to provide maintenance dredging vary from year to year depending on current harbor conditions and the dredging schedule. Impacts of not dredging this harbor in FY 2007 could vary from requiring barges to be light-loaded to complete harbor closure. In addition, restoration of the harbor limits will be more costly in the future, as the sedimentation will accumulate.

WRDA: Section 3007 of the House version of WRDA includes language which modifies the project for navigation, Osceola Harbor, Arkansas, constructed under section 107 of the River and Harbor Act of 1960 to allow non-Federal interests to construct a mooring facility within the existing authorized harbor channel, subject to all necessary permits, certifications, and other requirements. It also states that nothing in this section shall be construed as affecting the responsibility of the Secretary to maintain the general navigation features of the project. This language does not specifically address the Corps moving the channel to allow construction of the facility.



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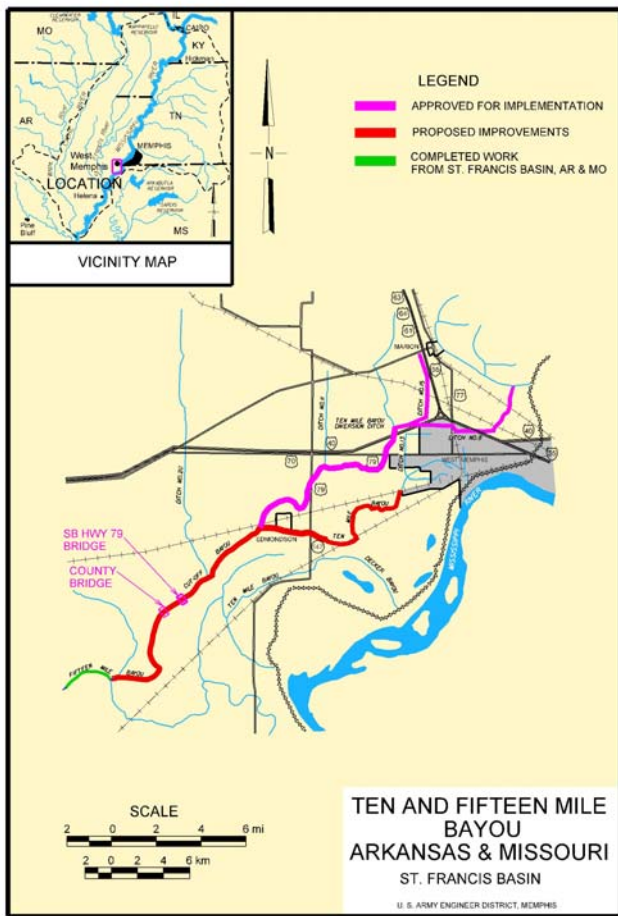
Project Name: St. Francis Basin, AR & MO; MR&T Construction

Authority: Flood Control Acts of 1928, 1936, 1938, 1941, 1944, 1946, 1950, 1958, 1965, and 1968 and Water Resources Development Act of 1974.

Location and Description: The project is located in southeastern Missouri and northeastern Arkansas. The project provides protection against headwater floods by means of a detention reservoir at Wappapello, Missouri, improvement of the flood-carrying capacities of the St. Francis and Little Rivers and their principal tributaries by means of channel improvements, new channels, auxiliary channels, and leveed floodways. Protection against backwater flooding from the Mississippi River is provided by realignment of the St. Francis River channel supplemented with auxiliary channels, levee construction, and a pumping plant and floodgate. Project authorization provides for Federal operation and maintenance. The project has a benefit cost ratio of 3.5 to 1 with average annual benefits. 24 levee and drainage districts provide project sponsorship.

Issues and Other Information: Note that capabilities no longer reflect only the amount that can be utilized in the budget year, but reflect the total amount required to fully fund contracts, though that work may extend beyond the budget year. Impacts to time schedules and cost estimates, as a result of renegotiating contracts to discontinue the use of the continuing contract clause, are not yet known, but work completion could be delayed and there will likely be additional costs.

WRDA: Section 3009 of the House version of WRDA includes language addressing improvements along Ditch No. 1, but does not address cost-sharing. See Topic Papers on Land Transfer regarding language in Section 3131 of the House version and Section 3007 of the Senate version of WRDA.



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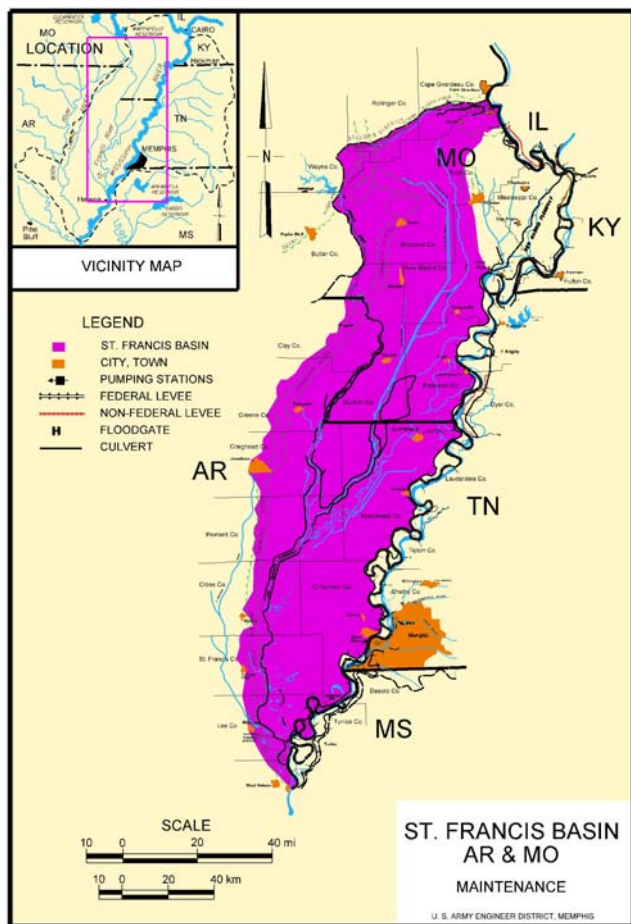
Project Name: Ten and Fifteen Miles Bayou, AR

Location and Description: The proposed work is located in Crittenden and St. Francis Counties.

Background: It was authorized as an integral part of the St. Francis Basin in the FY 2001 Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, Section 104.

Current Status: FY 2006 funds are being used to complete construction on U. S. Highway 79 bridge, county bridge at Mile 13.8, and most of Fifteen Mile Bayou channel enlargement Item 1. A contract for replacement of Fifteen Mile Bayou County Bridge at Mile 18.80 was awarded on 14 November 2005. Also, a General Reevaluation investigation for the upper reaches of the Ten and Fifteen Mile Bayou basins was initiated this year. Current year funds will only be used to update hydraulic evaluations and to estimate flood damages for existing and future without project conditions.

Issues and Other Information: Due to uncertain funding in FY 2007 and fully funded contract requirement of the 2006 Energy and Water Appropriations Act, completion of the work for flood damage reduction on 10 and 15 Mile Bayous could be significantly delayed or suspended.



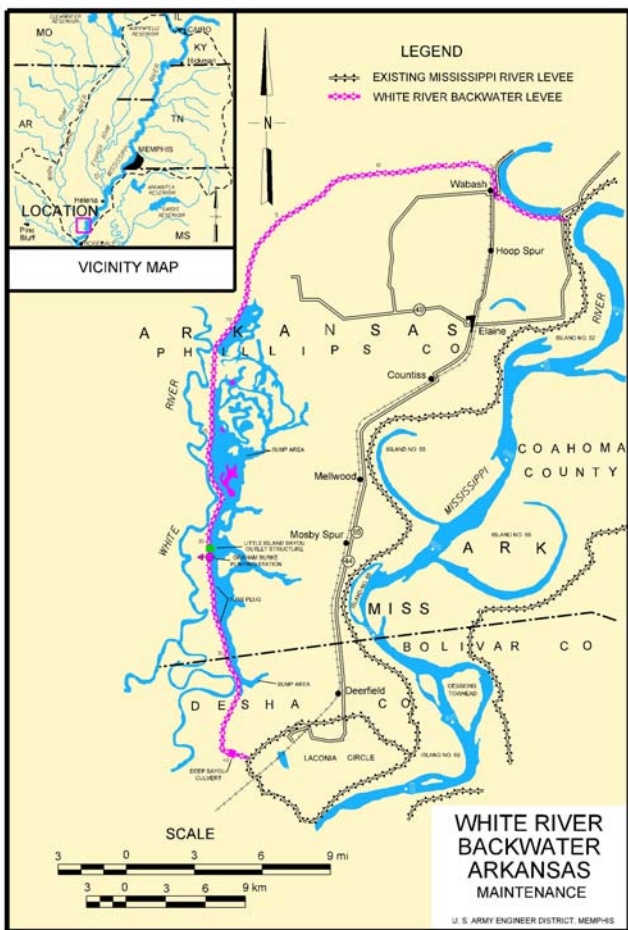
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Project Name: St. Francis River and Tributaries, AR & MO; MR&T Maintenance

Authority: Flood Control Act of 15 June 1936. Local cooperation requirements were modified by the Flood Control Act of 24 July 1946, and limited local responsibility to ordinary maintenance as defined by Section 3 of the Flood Control Act of 15 May 1928.

Location and Description: The St. Francis Basin extends from the hills southwest of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, to the confluence of the St. Francis and Mississippi Rivers – approximately 10 miles north of Helena, Arkansas. The project provides for a certain level of Federal maintenance of authorized facilities – levees and channels – to provide the authorized level of flood protection. There are two pumping stations - Drainage District #17 and W. G. Huxtable Pumping Plant - built, maintained and operated by the Corps of Engineers. Major maintenance of the authorized features of the St. Francis Basin Project is done at no cost to the local sponsor (100% Federally funded). Local interests are only responsible for minor maintenance and rights-of-entry.



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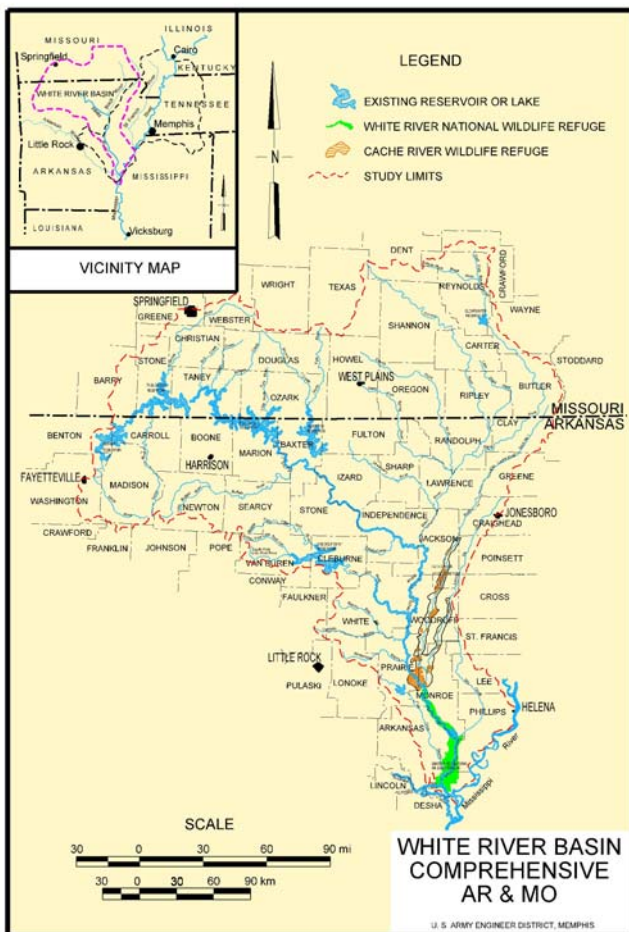
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Project Name: White River Backwater, AR; MR&T Maintenance

Authority: The White River Backwater Project was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 15 June 1936. Local cooperation requirements, as modified by the Flood Control Act of 30 October 1951, were limited to ordinary maintenance as defined by Section 3 of the Flood Control Act of 15 May 1928.

Location and Description: The White River Backwater Project is located approximately 20 miles south of Helena, near Elaine, AR, in Phillips and Desha Counties. It consists of 40.2 miles of levee, the Graham Burke Pumping Station, the Little Island Bayou Outlet Structure and Deep Bayou Culvert. The White River Backwater levee, together with the Mississippi River Levee between Old Town and Laconia Circle, protects the enclosed area against all but very large floods. The combined levee system reduces extreme crests on the White River by admitting drainage into the enclosed area thereby restoring the White River Backwater Pool.

Status and Proposed Operations: FY 2006 funds are being used for operation and maintenance activities at Graham Burke Pumping Station and levee maintenance. The FY 2007 Budget Request includes funds for normal operation and maintenance activities within the project area.



Bull Shoals Dam

Table Rock Lake, MO



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Study Name: White River Basin Comprehensive, AR & MO; General Investigations

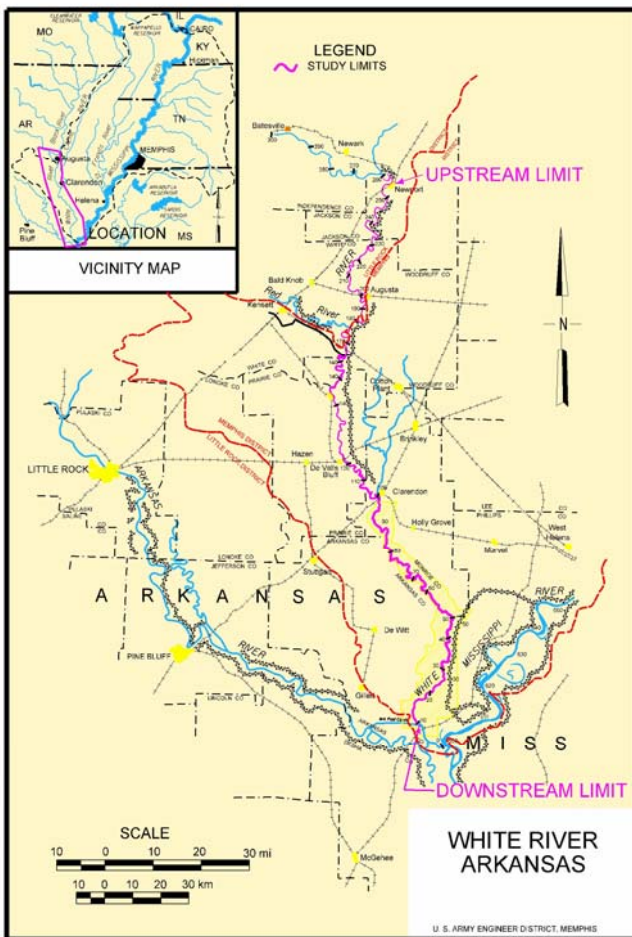
Authority: WRDA 86, Section 729; WRDA 2000 established the cost sharing of Section 729 studies at 50 % Federal/50% non-Federal, half of which can be in-kind services and increased the authorization ceiling from \$5,000,000 to \$15,000,000.

Location and Description: The White River Basin comprises approximately 28,000 square miles in northeastern Arkansas (AR) and southern Missouri (MO). The basin contains five large multi-purpose reservoirs and one reservoir primarily for flood control; over 150 miles of flood control levees along the White River and its tributaries; 2 major national wildlife refuges; and the largest remaining concentration of seasonally flooded bottomland hardwoods in the Mississippi Valley. The study will identify water resources needs and opportunities. Potential study outputs address water resources needs for water supply, flood control, waste water management, navigation, recreation, power generation, and other water resources related needs identified in the comprehensive study.

Status and Proposed Operations: Activities continuing in FY 2006 include fisheries and recreation studies. The Arkansas State Joint Legislative Committee on the Cache River has formed a working group including state agencies and requested that the Cache River problems and needs including the blockage at Grubbs, AR, be examined in a comprehensive manner under the study. Local cost sharing funds have been deposited into the escrow account and cross-section survey activities along the Cache River will be initiated in FY 2006.

Issues and Other Information: The future of the study may depend on the sponsor's ability to get the desired legislative change in cost sharing requirements. Studies are proceeding at a reduced rate pending resolution. Local sponsors lack the capacity to meet current non-Federal cash requirements (50% Federal/50% non-Federal, half of which can be in-kind services) and are seeking legislation to change the cost sharing to 75% Federal/25% non-Federal, 100% of which can be in-kind services.

WRDA: Section 2019 of the House version of WRDA would reduce the non-Federal cost share requirement to 25 percent, all of which may be in-kind.



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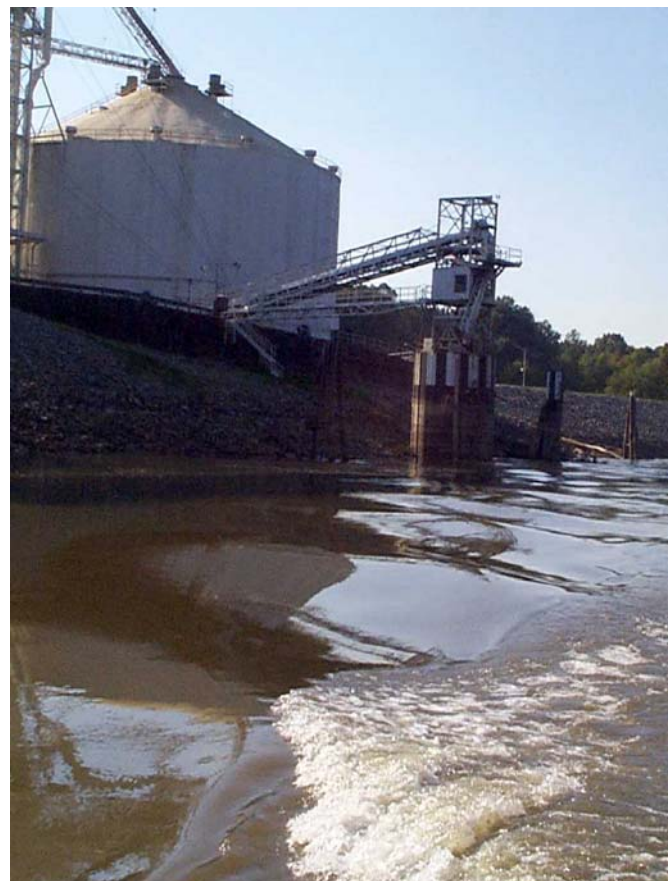
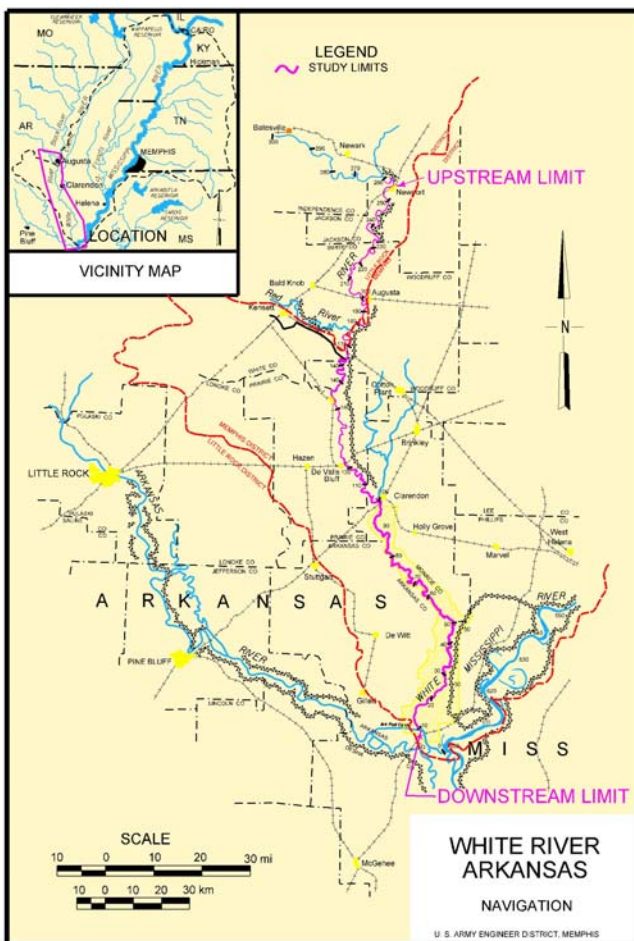
Project Name: White River, AR; Operation & Maintenance, General

Authority: The River and Harbors Act of 13 July 1892 authorized the original project. Maintenance was discontinued after FY 1951 due to a decline in traffic volume. Maintenance was resumed in FY 1961. The Office of the Chief of Engineers modified the project authority on 11 March 1968, per Section 107 of the 1960 River and Harbors Act.

Location and Description: This project is located on the White River from mile 9.8 to mile 255, near Newport, in Jackson County. The project provides maintenance of navigation channel with sufficient width and depth to accommodate existing commerce by snagging, dredging, and construction work. The existing authority is for 4.5 feet by 100 feet from mile 198 to 255 at 3.5 feet on the Newport gage; and 8 feet by 125 feet from mile 9.8 to 198 at 12 feet on the Clarendon gage, including a 5 feet minimum draft at low river stages. The local Interest is the Arkansas Waterways Commission, Mr. Keith Garrison, Director.

Status & Proposed Operations: The allocation for FY 2006 will allow for additional clearing and snagging on the White River. No dredging will be performed in FY 2006

Issues and Other Information: Funding in FY 2005 allowed for clearing and snagging of critical areas of the White River only. No dredging was performed in FY 2005. Impacts of not performing maintenance on the White River in FY 2007 will range from barges being light-loaded to complete river closure. This could require locally produced commodities to be shipped by more expensive means of transportation thus increasing the cost of the commodity and the cost to the producer. In addition, restoration of the authorized channel will be more costly in the future, as the sedimentation will continue to accumulate.



Navigation for commerce along the White River

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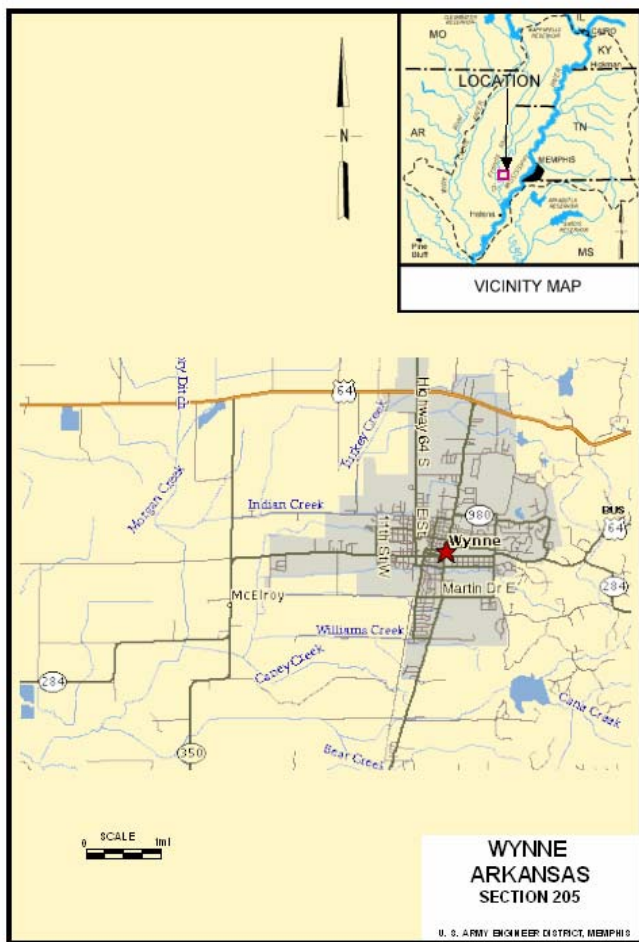
Study Name: White River Navigation to Newport, AR; General Investigations

Authority: Section 363, Water Resources Development Act of 1996

Location and Description: The White River Navigation project was authorized by WRDA of 1986, subsequently deauthorized by WRDA of 1988, and reauthorized by WRDA of 1996. Current engineering studies indicate that a channel with a bottom width of 125 feet and a depth of nine feet is potentially economically and environmentally feasible, providing a 95 percent annual availability from Newport, AR to the Arkansas Post Canal. The study was initiated FY 1998. Annual maintenance is authorized within the project limits and through snagging and dredging. The existing authority is for 4.5 ft deep by 100 ft wide from Augusta to Newport; and 8 ft deep by 125 ft wide from the Arkansas Post Canal to river mile 198 at stages equivalent to or exceeding 12 ft on the Clarendon gage, with a 5 ft minimum depth at lower stages.

Status and Proposed Operations: Completion of the draft GRR and SEIS has been delayed to allow for the evaluation of additional environmental features, preparation of a recreation plan, and additional coordination with resource agencies. Activities will be suspended due to lack of funding in FY 2006. In FY 2007 to complete the final phase of the recreation planning activities, which includes the public survey, analysis of survey information to develop recreation demand, preparation of final report and continuation of coordination activities. After the recreation plan has been completed, funds are needed to complete the GRR and prepare the draft EIS and additional funds are needed to include any studies needed for Ivory-billed Woodpecker habitat impact.

Issues and Other Information: A draft general reevaluation report (GRR) was completed in December 2002. The proposed Navigation Plan has a Benefit to Cost ratio of 1.16. The project continues to receive significant opposition from the environmental arena, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Also, the Ivory-billed Woodpecker habitat is within the project area.



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Study Name: Wynne, AR; Construction General

Authority: Section 205 of the Flood Control Act of 1948, as amended.

Location and Description: The city of Wynne is located about 40 miles west of Memphis, Tennessee in Cross County, Arkansas, along the western edge of Crowley's Ridge. Most of the west part of town is below the base of Crowley's Ridge and has flat or gently sloping terrain. The project area consists of the western portion of the city of Wynne and extends outside the Wynne city limits to the west along Town Creek two and one-half miles to Highway 350. Town Creek is a major drainage outlet for the city of Wynne and contains approximately eight square miles of drainage area above Highway 350. Turkey Creek, a major lateral, drains about three square miles of the watershed north and west of Wynne and enters Town Creek about one-fourth mile west of the city limits. Town Creek empties into Caney Creek about three-fourth mile west of Highway 350. Runoff from the upper portion of Town Creek causes flooding in the lower urban areas. The existing drainage system is inadequate to handle peak flow events in the lower portion of the watershed. Mr. Billy L. Lee, County Judge, is the point of contact.

Status and Proposed Operations: Feasibility study activities will be suspended and FY 2006 funds will be carried over to FY 2007, due to the Congressionally directed moratorium on new cost-sharing agreements in the Continuing Authorities Program. If the moratorium on new agreements is lifted in FY 2007, a feasibility cost-share agreement will be executed and feasibility studies will be completed. Plans and specifications will then be initiated and an additional funds could be used to complete plans and specifications in FY 2007.

Issues and Other Information: Due funding constraints in the CAP program, the priority for funding is to complete on-going work before initiating any new phases or executing new cost-sharing agreements, as directed in the Conference Report accompanying the E&WD Appropriations Act for FY 2006.